



Northampton City Council Finance Committee

November 6, 2014 MINUTES

Councilor David A. Murphy, Chairman
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra

The Finance Committee held a meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 in Council Chambers, Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA.

The meeting began at 8:45 pm.

▪ ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Councilor David A. Murphy, Councilor Jesse M. Adams, Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, and Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra.

November 6, 2014 8:45 p.m.	Finance City Council 2014-2015	Councilor David A. Murphy, Chairman	Councilor Jesse M. Adams	Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge	Councilor Gina- Louise Sciarra	Total
Roll Called by Pamela L. Powers, Clerk of the City Council		Present	Present	Present	Present	4 Present 0 Absent

- Meeting called to order:
 - *Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.*

- Financial Orders Considered:

1. 14.263 F.O. for Watershed Land Purchase:

Councilor LaBarge moved to recognize Ned Huntley, Director of Public Works; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Huntley explained that this purchase is part of the City's plan to acquire land surrounding the public drinking water source. As land is becoming available for purchase, the DPW considers the acquisition. The City has already purchased six properties totaling over 200 acres. The cost of this purchase is \$60,000 and money is already in the budget.

Councilor LaBarge moved to send this order to Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

2. *Councilor Adams moved to return the following Petitions to Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.*
 - a. 14.273 Petition to Accept Cosmian Avenue as a Public Way-Finance
 - b. 14.274 Petition to Accept Depot Avenue as a Public Way-Finance
 - c. 14.275 Petition to Accept Edgewood Terrace as a Public Way-Finance
 - d. 14.276 Petition to Accept Franklin Court as a Public Way-Finance
 - e. 14.277 Petition to Accept Glendale Avenue as a Public Way-Finance
 - f. 14.278 Petition to Accept Greeley Avenue as a Public Way-Finance
 - g. 14.279 Petition to Accept King Avenue as a Public Way-Finance
 - h. 14.280 Petition to Accept Service Center as a Public Way-Finance

3. 14.285 F.O. for Benches In Florence Expended from the Comm. on Disabilities Fund

Councilor LaBarge moved to send this order back to Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor LaBarge explained that this Ordinance was initiated by the Commission on Disabilities who felt that there were not enough benches in the center of Florence. The Councilor made site visits with other members of the Council and other City employees to determine the best location for the benches and to get feedback from the businesses regarding the proposed locations. The benches will each have a plaque indicating that the benches were made available by the Commission on Disabilities.

- New Business - Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed. -None
- Adjourn

At 8:55pm Councilor Adams made a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Powers
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